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Applicant submits this reference so that the Patent and Trademark Office may, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the listed reference be formally considered during the prosecution of this application, be made of record herein, and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue herefrom.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), applicant notes that this non-English language reference was cited in a European Search Report dated November 4, 2002 (copy attached) issued in European patent application No. 00309882.9 corresponding to the above-referenced application. The other references listed in the European Search Report were previously cited herein.

In accordance with the foregoing and 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned states that the single item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

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